

TOWN OF MERRILLVILLE  
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING  
December 27, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION:** Pastor Bob Szoke, Impact Christian Church

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:** Mr. Mr. Minchuk and Ms. LaMarca were absent. All other members were present.

**PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND REMONSTRATIONS:**

Mr. Hardaway announced that they will reappoint Bud Christ for Stormwater Commission Board he currently is on the board.

Mr. Hardaway announced that they will reappoint Ted Kennedy for the Police Commission Board he also currently is on the board.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to reappoint Bud Christ to Stormwater Commission Board and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to reappoint Ted Kennedy to the Police Commission Board and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Approval of the Accounts Payable Register Voucher dated December 27, 2018. Approval of Town Council Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2018. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve and was seconded by Mr. Pettit. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**STANDING COMMITTEES:**

**BUDGET & FINANCE:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

Mr. Minchuk had no report.

**COUNCIL AFFAIRS:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**PERSONNEL POLICY & EMPLOYEE BENEFITS:**

Mrs. Barron had no report.

**PUBLIC SAFETY:**

Mrs. Uzelac said she received several phone calls about leaf pick-up and confirmed that trucks were out picking up remaining leaves.

**PARKS & RECREATION:**

Ms. LaMarca had no report.

**ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS:**

Mr. Barron had no report.

**ELECTIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Mrs. Uzelac had no report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:**

Mr. Pettit had no report.

**UTILITY LIAISON:**

Mr. Spann had no report.

**ABANDONED PROPERTIES:**

President Hardaway had no report.

**GENERAL ORDERS:**

**FIRST READING ORDINANCES:**

None

**SECOND READING ORDINANCES:**

**Ord. 18-31:**

An Ordinance of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, amending Ordinance 17-32 and pay for employees of the Town of Merrillville, Indiana for the calendar year 2019. Mr. Pettit made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

**Ord. 18-32:**

An Ordinance amending Town Code Section 2-1 entitled, “fees for copying of public records established”, and repealing all town code sections and ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict herewith. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the ordinance and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no public comment or discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

**RESOLUTIONS:**

**Res. 18-34:**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, authorizing temporary loans to fulfill monetary requirements necessary for debt service payments. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**Res. 18-35:**

A Resolution of the Town of Merrillville, Lake County, Indiana, transferring monies of the 2018 budget within the General Fund. Mrs. Uzelac made a motion to approve the resolution and was seconded by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

**BZA ACTIONS:**

None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Svetanoff announced to the Town Council that they are schedule to close on the property for the Community Center on December 31 and will be moving forward with the project.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Pettit said Mrs. Gaza sent out a notice via email of an award for all Town Council for Contribution of Labor given by the Building Trade Council. Mr. Pettit said he met with a gentleman from the Pipe Fitter Union and he will be attending a tour of the new building at 1p.m. and welcomed anyone that would like to join him.

Mr. Pettit made a motion to retain the same officer’s for 2019 on the Town Council which would include Mr. Hardaway as President and Mrs. Barron as Vice President and he was second by Mr. Spann. There was no discussion. The motion carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

All public comment is recorded on an audio file and kept on file in the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office at Town Hall.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Town Hall offices closed (except for Emergency Services)  
on December 31, 2018 and January 1, 2019 in observance of New Year’s Day.

Stormwater Management Board meeting, January 2, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

Plan Commission workshop meeting, January 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

Police Commission meeting, January 4, 2019 8:00 a.m.

Town Council meeting, January 8, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Pettit made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mrs. Uzelac.

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Richard Hardaway, President

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Eugene Guernsey, Clerk-Treasurer